

of condolence came to the widow, formerly Miss Dorothy Park Benjamin of New York, from both hemispheres. Included among them were official messages of sympathy from the Royal Italian Government.

Police lines were established before the hotel to control the throngs which stood for hours, hunched, waiting, at the white walls of the edifice in which their beloved Caruso's heart had ceased to beat.

Friends of the great singer heard today a story that his death was due directly to the pilgrimage he made to the shrine of the Madonna at Pompeii in fulfillment of a vow taken before he left New York.

According to this version he made a pledge that if, when he became strong enough to try his voice, he found it unimpaired, he would pay a visit of thanksgiving.

Several days before his last illness he said and found his voice as good as of old. He started with his wife on the journey of thanksgiving but after his visit to the shrine he felt so strong and happy they visited the excavations, where he caught a cold which settled in his stomach.

Then soon afterward unfavorable symptoms in the form of a high fever manifested themselves and his wife telegraphed to a home specialist to come to Sorrento. It was then discovered that a new internal abscess had developed.

Caruso's removal to Rome for an operation was advised, but he showed such weakness that it was impossible to transfer him further than Naples where he arrived by sea Sunday evening. Four eminent physicians were called in consultation and their examination showed the presence of a subpyemic abscess, accompanied by severe peritonitis.

He became suddenly worse at 4:30 A. M. yesterday before an operation could be performed.

In order that Caruso should not tire himself, the attending physician ordered him not to speak, so during his last night he uttered no word.

Of the members of his family present at the bedside the most pitiable was his aged step-mother, who had always clung obstinately to her little home despite the singer's efforts to accustom her to the material comforts of life.

Present also at the bedside were his wife, who was Dorothy, daughter of Park Benjamin of New York; Caruso's little daughter Gloria and his son Rodolfo, his brother Giovanni, several nephews and the composers Vincenzo Bellini and Paolo Longoni.

## PLAN FOR CARUSO MEMORIAL IN U. S. IS BEING FORMED

Project May Take Form of School for Promising Youths or a "Caruso Theatre."

Plans were under way today for a national as well as a local memorial to Enrico Caruso. The national memorial is fostered by the Supreme Council of the Order of the Sons of Italy, which has been called in special session to-morrow evening by Chevalier Stefano Miele, National Master of the order.

The local memorial will be arranged by Metropolitan Opera and other artists, whose tentative plan is to have in the Metropolitan Opera House a Caruso Room filled with pictures, memorabilia, souvenirs and other things characteristic of the singer's artistic career.

The national memorial, Mr. Miele said, to be proposed to the Supreme Council of the order, which has 175,000 members in the United States, may take the form of a "Caruso Foundation" for the training of promising young singers or a "Caruso Theatre" for the production of Italian opera, the proceeds to be devoted to a fund for instructing young artists who aspire to the operatic stage.

Leading American patrons of art will be asked to join with prominent Italian residents and members of the order in promoting this project. Mr. Miele said:

"Enrico Caruso did more for the Italian race in this country than any single individual. And his loss will strike deep into the hearts of all Italians and Americans of Italian birth or descent as well as all lovers of the purest of arts, no matter what their nationalities."

"Mindful of what Caruso has done to interpret the soul of Italy throughout the world, that is the Order of the Sons of Italy—the most powerful organization of Italians in America—should take steps to perpetuate the memory of its most illustrious son."

A cablegram was sent to Mrs. Caruso at Naples expressing sympathy and informing her of the intention of the Order of the Sons of Italy to "found a Caruso memorial."

## ROMEYEN BENJAMIN TO SAIL TO-MORROW AND JOIN SISTER

Romeyen Benjamin, brother-in-law of the late Enrico Caruso, will sail for Italy to-morrow to be with Mrs. Caruso, unless word is received that she intends soon to return to America. Mr. Benjamin said to-day he had not yet received direct word of the tenor's death.

Bruno Zirato, who was Caruso's secretary, similarly awaited messages from Italy. He knew nothing of his friend's death save what he had read in the newspapers.

It was learned to-day that blood transfusion was used in the methods used in New York last winter to save the life of Caruso. He was very anemic after his long illness and his regular physicians and surgeons called in Dr. Lester J. Engel, No. 132 West 53th Street, who transfused a quart of blood from a professional blood giver. The result appeared to be an immediate and marked increase in the patient's strength and vitality.

## AMERICANS FREED FROM SOVIET JAILS, SAY BOLSHEVISTS

Mr. Lyman Brown Tells How U. S. Will Feed a Million Russian Children.

TO START IN PETROGRAD

If Americans Are Soon Over Border, Supplies Will Go In Immediately.

RIGA, Aug. 3 (Associated Press).—American prisoners in Russia already have been released from confinement, according to authentic reports at the Bolshevik Legation Press Bureau here to-day, but there was no word as to the number released or when, how or where they will be delivered across the border.

LONDON, Aug. 3 (United Press).—America's food army is already mobilized, ready to relieve the famine victims of Soviet Russia.

Supplies are stacked high in food warehouses in Central Europe and the doors will be opened as soon as the Soviet officials release American prisoners, in accordance with the demand of the United States, Lyman Brown, in charge of the relief work here, declared to-day.

He is due in Riga shortly to confer with Maxim Kovks, Russian minister and head of the Russian relief organization.

"I do not anticipate any hitch in our preliminary negotiations with the Bolsheviks at Riga," said Brown. "I expect we will probably need 1,000,000 children. We are figuring now on the amount of transport necessary to transport the food from our warehouses to the famine districts."

"We expect to build up in Russia a system as similar as possible to that employed so successfully in other parts of Europe. The chief foodstuffs to be distributed will be cocoa, wheat, milk, rice, flour, beans and fats. We plan to begin our work at Petrograd and Moscow and gradually work outward. Usually the large cities are hardest hit by famine. The peasants are better able to care for themselves."

An international committee has been organized here to render relief to the starving of Russia. This committee, with the International Red Cross organization in Riga, which is looking after the transport to Russia of former prisoners of war, will maintain relations with regard to relief work between Moscow and Western Europe, it is announced.

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get any present on this occasion, as a graduate of Hunter College. Miss Hart testified. Likewise she has taught there. Miss Hart denied that she had urged Mrs. Lusk to help secure the passage of the pay-backing up measure.

Edwin M. Burns, President of the Detective Endowment Association, was called earlier in the day to straighten out contradictory testimony as to the financial accounts of the detective bill lobbyists in Albany.

Burns was confronted with checks of \$500 and \$200 to him from the Detective Endowment Association treasury, another of \$350 to Detective Cornelius J. Brown and another of \$250 to "Cash." He was asked to explain their existence in view of previous testimony that each of the association's lobbyists had put in their expense bills to the association at the close of the legislative session.

"I am giving you a change to straighten your testimony, before I put on this evidence to the District Attorney," Commissioner Hirschfeld said.

"I have no further statement to make," answered Burns.

Referring to the presentation of the silver service to Mrs. Lusk, Commissioner Hirschfeld said:

"You presented the silver to Mrs. Lusk because you thought it would please Senator Lusk, didn't you?" Burns replied. "To tell you the truth, I don't think Senator Lusk was pleased."

"Finally the Commissioner made the witness admit that the gift was made to Mrs. Lusk because it would prove serviceable to his wife and therefore please the Senator."

Mr. Hirschfeld charged that Burns on previous occasions had withheld information about the presentation of the silver service when giving testimony before him concerning the passage of the detectives' pay increase bill.

"We had nothing to conceal and we didn't care who knew what we did," replied Burns.

Burns had previously stated, however, that the reason he made the gift public was because he thought the action might be misinterpreted by the people as it is being misconstrued now.

"How about the Scotch and rye parties in Albany and the large sums of money spent there to put these bills through?" asked Hirschfeld.

"I have nothing to say about that," replied Burns, and he was excused.

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Attempt Being Made to Secure Adhesion of Province to Peace Plan.

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It is felt that there is no use even to consider the terms, it is said, until it is settled who are the real parties to the bargain.

Every effort is being made behind the scenes, it is declared, to induce Ulster to accept a share in the powerful body which it is planned to make the All-Ireland Parliament, while retaining her own local autonomy. So far these efforts, although benevolently regarded by the Government, have been unsuccessful.

The expectation of an arrangement with Ulster has not yet been abandoned, however. Should it fail to be brought about, the Republicans, it is pointed out, must consider whether they will accept for the twenty-six counties outside of Ulster the terms offered or renew the war. Some of the Republican leaders express the view that eventual unity would be more speedily realized by such acceptance.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Irish Republican Army has virtually been demobilized, it was reported here to-day. This was considered a further indication that peace terms between the Sinn Fein and the British Government have been practically agreed upon in secret, and that only a formal announcement remains to be made.

It is expected that the Sinn Fein Parliament will approve any terms satisfactory to President De Valera and other leaders. The British Parliament was still "in the dark" as to the peace negotiations to-day. The Cabinet refused to divulge the terms to the Commons, even in secret session.

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